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## CONSUMER TIPS >>

(Information Bureau of Home Economics, USDA)

## GENERAL RULES

- Elderly people use less energy need fewer calories.
  Plan diets to keep down excessive weight burden on heart, danger to health.
- 2. Elderly people need full amount of minerals & vitamins. Don't cut out protective foods: milk, fruit, vegetables, Vitamin B-1.
- 3. Food should be easy to eat & digest. Avoid rich fat mixtures, foods requiring hard chewing steaks & roasts.

matoes, oranges, grapefruit, green cabbage, salad greens, Good for Vitamin C. May be chopped or juiced.

3. LEAFY. GREEN. OR YELLOW VEGETABLES: One serving or more a day. Good for Vitamin A. Easier to eat if cooked. May be chopped fine or sieved - for soups or purees.

- 4. EGGS: One a day, if possible; or 3 or 4 a week. Good for iron, protein, vitamins. Should be soft cooked. 5. LEAN MEAT, POULTRY, FISH: No specified amount. Finely
- chopped meats, poultry, fish are easier to eat. 6. CEREALS AND BREAD: One or 2 servings whole-grain cereal
- products enriched white bread. Good for calories, Vitamin B-1, iron. Whole-grain products contain rest of B vitamins.

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